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AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 3271

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 3271 by replacing

3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Pharmacy Practice Act is amended by

5 changing Sections 9 and 9.5 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 85/9) (from Ch. 111, par. 4129)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2018)

Sec. 9. Registration as pharmacy technician. Any person shall be entitled to registration as a registered pharmacy technician who is of the age of 16 or over, has not engaged in conduct or behavior determined to be grounds for discipline under this Act, is attending or has graduated from an accredited high school or comparable school or educational institution or received a high school equivalency certificate, and has filed a written application for registration on a form to be prescribed and furnished by the Department for that

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Department shall issue a certificate purpose. The  $\circ f$ registration as a registered pharmacy technician to applicant who has qualified as aforesaid, and such registration shall be the sole authority required to assist licensed pharmacists in the practice of pharmacy, under the supervision of a licensed pharmacist. A registered pharmacy technician may, under the supervision of a pharmacist, assist in the practice of pharmacy and perform such functions as assisting in the dispensing process, offering counseling, receiving new verbal prescription orders, and having prescriber contact concerning prescription drug order clarification. A registered pharmacy technician may not engage in patient counseling, drug regimen review, or clinical conflict resolution.

Beginning on January 1, 2016 2010, within 2 years after initial registration as a registered pharmacy technician, the registrant must meet the requirements described in Section 9.5 of this Act and register as a registered certified pharmacy technician. If the registrant has not yet attained the age of 18, then upon the next renewal as a registered pharmacy technician, the registrant must meet the requirements described in Section 9.5 of this Act and register as a registered certified pharmacy technician. a pharmacy technician must become certified by successfully passing the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB) examination or another Board approved pharmacy technician with the Department

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## in order to continue to perform pharmacy technician's duties.

2 This requirement does not apply to pharmacy technicians 3 registered prior to January 1, 2008.

Any person registered as a pharmacy technician who is also enrolled in a first professional degree program in pharmacy in a school or college of pharmacy or a department of pharmacy of a university approved by the Department or has graduated from such a program within the last 18 months, shall be considered a "student pharmacist" and entitled to use the title "student pharmacist". A student pharmacist must meet all of requirements for registration as a pharmacy technician set forth Section excluding in this the requirement certification prior to the second registration renewal and pay the required pharmacy technician registration fees. A student pharmacist may, under the supervision of a pharmacist, assist in the practice of pharmacy and perform any and all functions delegated to him or her by the pharmacist.

Any person seeking licensure as a pharmacist who has graduated from a pharmacy program outside the United States must register as a pharmacy technician and shall be considered a "student pharmacist" and be entitled to use the title "student pharmacist" while completing the 1,200 clinical hours of training approved by the Board of Pharmacy described and for no more than 18 months after completion of these hours. These individuals are not required to become registered certified pharmacy technicians while completing their Board approved

1 clinical training, but must become licensed as a pharmacist or

become a registered certified pharmacy technician before the

second pharmacy technician registration renewal following

completion of the Board approved clinical training.

The Department shall not renew the pharmacy technician license of any person who has been registered as a "student pharmacist" and has dropped out of or been expelled from an ACPE accredited college of pharmacy, who has failed to complete his or her 1,200 hours of Board approved clinical training within 24 months or who has failed the pharmacist licensure examination 3 times and shall require these individuals to meet the requirements of and become registered <u>as a registered</u> certified pharmacy technician.

The Department may take any action set forth in Section 30 of this Act with regard to registrations pursuant to this Section.

Any person who is enrolled in a non-traditional Pharm.D. program at an ACPE accredited college of pharmacy and is a licensed pharmacist under the laws of another United States jurisdiction shall be permitted to engage in the program of practice experience required in the academic program by virtue of such license. Such person shall be exempt from the requirement of registration as a registered pharmacy technician while engaged in the program of practice experience required in the academic program.

An applicant for registration as a pharmacy technician may

assist a pharmacist in the practice of pharmacy for a period of

- up to 60 days prior to the issuance of a certificate of registration if the applicant has submitted the required fee and an application for registration to the Department. The
- 5 applicant shall keep a copy of the submitted application on the
- 6 premises where the applicant is assisting in the practice of
- 7 pharmacy. The Department shall forward confirmation of receipt
- 8 of the application with start and expiration dates of practice
- 9 pending registration.
- 10 (Source: P.A. 98-718, eff. 1-1-15.)
- 11 (225 ILCS 85/9.5)
- 12 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2018)
- Sec. 9.5. <u>Registered certified</u> <u>Certified</u> pharmacy
- 14 technician.
- 15 (a) An individual registered as a <u>registered</u> pharmacy
  16 technician under this Act may be registered as a <u>registered</u>
  17 certified pharmacy technician, if he or she meets all of the
- 18 following requirements:
- 19 (1) He or she has submitted a written application in 20 the form and manner prescribed by the Department.
- 21 (2) He or she has attained the age of 18.
- 22 (3) He or she is of good moral character, as determined 23 by the Department.
- 24 (4) He or she has (i) graduated from pharmacy 25 technician training meeting the requirements set forth in

subsection (a) of Section 17.1 of this Act or (ii) obtained documentation from the pharmacist-in-charge of the pharmacy where the applicant is employed verifying that he or she has successfully completed a training program and has successfully completed an objective assessment mechanism prepared in accordance with rules established by the Department.

- (5) He or she has successfully passed an examination accredited by the <u>National Commission for Certifying Agencies</u>, as approved and required by the Board.
- (6) He or she has paid the required certification fees.
- (b) No pharmacist whose license has been denied, revoked, suspended, or restricted for disciplinary purposes may be eligible to be registered as a <u>registered</u> certified pharmacy technician.
  - (c) The Department may, by rule, establish any additional requirements for certification under this Section.
  - (d) A person who is not a registered pharmacy technician and meets the requirements of this Section may register as a registered certified pharmacy technician without first registering as a pharmacy technician.
- (e) As a condition for the renewal of a certificate of registration as a registered certified pharmacy technician, the registrant shall provide evidence to the Department of completion of a total of 20 hours of continuing pharmacy

- 1 education during the 24 months preceding the expiration date of
- the certificate. One hour of continuing pharmacy education must 2
- be in the subject of pharmacy law. One hour of continuing 3
- 4 pharmacy education must be in the subject of patient safety.
- 5 The continuing education shall be approved by the Accreditation
- Council on Pharmacy Education. 6
- The Department shall establish by rule a means for the 7
- verification of completion of the continuing education 8
- required by this subsection (e). This verification may be 9
- 10 accomplished through audits of records maintained by
- registrants, by requiring the filing of continuing education 11
- 12 certificates with the Department or a qualified organization
- 13 selected by the Department to maintain such records, or by
- 14 other means established by the Department.
- 15 Rules developed under this subsection (e) may provide for a
- 16 reasonable annual fee, not to exceed \$20, to fund the cost of
- such recordkeeping. The Department shall, by rule, further 17
- provide an orderly process for the reinstatement of a 18
- 19 registration that has not been renewed due to the failure to
- 20 meet the continuing pharmacy education requirements of this
- subsection (e). The Department may waive the requirements of 21
- 22 continuing pharmacy education, in whole or in part, in cases of
- 23 extreme hardship as defined by rule of the Department. The
- 24 waivers shall be granted for not more than one of any 3
- 25 consecutive renewal periods.
- 26 (Source: P.A. 95-689, eff. 10-29-07; 96-673, eff. 1-1-10.)".